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Claims:

1. A method of isolating an annular area in a wellbore, comprising:

coupling an isolation member to a string of casing, the string of casing having an enlarged inner diameter portion at an end;

placing the string of casing into a wellbore; and

isolating an annular area formed between an outer surface of the isolation member and at least the enlarged inner diameter portion of the string of casing.

- 2. The method of claim 1, wherein the string of casing has a uniform outer diameter.
- 3. The method of claim 1, further comprising removing the isolation member.
- 4. The method of claim 1, further comprising expanding the isolation member into the enlarged inner diameter portion.
- 5. The method of claim 1, further comprising sealing the annular area.
- 6. A method of preventing accumulation of unwanted materials in an annular area in a wellbore, comprising:

coupling an isolation member inside a portion of a first string of casing to form the annular area;

running the first string of casing having an enlarged inner diameter portion at an end into a wellbore:

disposing a second string of casing into the first string of casing; and expanding the second string of casing into the enlarged inner diameter portion.

- 7. The method of claim 6, further comprising removing the isolation member.
- 8. The method of claim 6, further comprising expanding the isolation member into the enlarged inner diameter portion.

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- 9. The method of claim 6, wherein the annular area extends at least the length of the enlarged inner diameter potion.
- 10. The method of claim 6, wherein the first string of casing has a uniform outer diameter.
- 11. A cement shoe assembly, comprising:

a tubular housing disposed at an end of a tubular string, the housing having a first inner diameter portion and an enlarged inner diameter portion at an end of the housing;

an isolation member disposed in the housing at least adjacent the enlarged inner diameter portion; and

a valve disposed in the housing, wherein the valve selectively permits fluid passage through the cement shoe assembly.

- 12. The assembly of claim 11, wherein an annular space is formed between the isolation member and a portion of the tubular housing.
- 13. The assembly of claim 12, wherein the annular space extends at least substantially the length of the enlarged inner diameter portion.
- 14. The assembly of claim 12, wherein the annular space is sealed.
- 15. The assembly of claim 14, wherein the annular space is filled with an aggregate.
- 16. The assembly of claim 11, further comprising a nose portion proximate the enlarged inner diameter portion, wherein the isolation member extends between the nose portion and the valve.
- 17. The assembly of claim 11, wherein an outer diameter of the tubular housing is uniform.

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- 18. The assembly of claim 11, wherein the isolation member is radially expandable.
- 19. The assembly of claim 11, wherein the isolation member is retrievable to the surface of the well.
- 20. The assembly of claim 11, wherein the isolation member is drillable.